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## SUPPORT THE BOARD.

After reading President Wood's reply to the Citizens' Sanitary Committee with reference to the Hotel Stables and the plain statements of President Wood and F. M. Hatch at Friday's session of the Board of Health, the Jackass Press of Honolulu represented exclusively by the Advertiser and the Star, finds itself up a tree.

The review of the situation made at the Board meeting not only forces the government organs into the position of apologizing for their rattle-headed assnity, but also proves that the honest opinion of the people was voiced in the Bulletin, when at the beginning of the Hotel Stables discussion it said:

"If the Board of Health considers the Hotel Stables infected premises, there is only one thing to do in disposing of the buildings. The Bulletin is not disposed to believe that President Wood and his advisers stand in fear of property owners or the chairman of the Citizens' Committee. Both have strong claims to recognition, but we see no reason at this time for declaring a lack of confidence in the members of the Board."

In the long list of interviews published by the Advertiser, almost without exception those addressed have qualified their opinions with the statement "If the Hotel Stables are infected premises." Upon the determination of this question depends the decision of the Board to burn or not to burn. Members of the Board realizing the serious responsibility placed upon them assert that they are not justified in ordering the destruction of the buildings until the movements of Ah Hung, the Chinese employe who died from plague, can be traced.

The Citizens' Sanitary Committee demands the destruction of the buildings—which must be paid for from the public treasury. The Board requested the Committee to report on Ah Hung's movements. From the statements made at yesterday's meeting, the efforts of the Committee have been without results necessary to aid the Board in reaching a decision that will enable it to act without possible discrimination.

Meanwhile the government organs engage in a campaign that has for its ultimate result destruction of public confidence in members of the Board of Health. The organs have charged that the Board is influenced by some personal or financial "pull." This has been promptly denied and the morning organ has had the good sense to apologize. Another charge is that the Board is not unanimous in its action. This is publicly and positively denied.

It has yet to be proved that the confidence of the people in the Board has been misplaced or that the captious criticism to which its members have been subjected is justified.

Until the Board of Health is proved to be acting from improper motives the duty of the citizen today is, as it has been since December 12th, to support the Board.

## OPENING CHANNELS OF TRADE.

Prompt recognition by the Board of Health that the possible continuation of plague cases calls for a change in the plan of campaign will be appreciated by the business community. Measures instituted at the first outbreak cannot continue. It means the eventual closing up of many small merchants, serious distress to the larger houses and shortage of provisions on the other islands almost wholly dependent upon supplies from this port. There must be an opening up of the channels of trade, or merchants of all classes must proceed to some other location than Honolulu.

The list of permitted goods depends largely upon the ways and means at the disposal of the authorities for fumigating freight. San Francisco is receiving by every Oriental steamer, fabrics and foodstuffs from the infected centers. American authorities do not fear the possibility of infection

being carried by these goods simply because they have the means for thorough disinfection of all freight.

Hawaii is in duty bound to provide the port of Honolulu with a disinfecting plant as complete in every detail as any plant now established in any port of the world. Large importations of Asiatic goods must ever be a prominent feature of Hawaii's traffic. The food stuffs placed upon the unpermitted list of our foreign commerce are as important to the fare of the Asiatic labor contingent as staple groceries and meats are to the American citizens. Furthermore it will be impossible for our authorities to change the food or put a stop to these importations for a lengthy period.

Trade makes demands here as it does in all the great commercial centers. The problem must be met, not by stopping traffic, but by following the course which experience and science has provided in other ports—complete and expensive disinfecting plants by which ships and cargoes can be thoroughly cleansed.

With almost a majority of Hawaii's population Chinese and Japanese, the problem comes before the people of Honolulu with more serious import than in any other American port with the possible exception of Manila. Traffic with Japan, for instance, is said to amount to about \$500,000 a year. A large proportion of this value is said to be represented by foodstuffs. Our traffic with China presents a similar situation. Merchants have established themselves and have property interests that must be recognized. The Asiatics demand their "national food" and their contentment depends largely on whether they get it. Authorities cannot by a resolution wipe out national characteristics, nor can they deport the Asiatics.

Late reports give promise that the Japan ports will soon be open, thus preventing serious difficulties from that source. Whether the promise is fulfilled or not Hawaii must prepare for greater freedom of traffic for all goods whether shipped from the Orient or supplies sent to the other islands from Honolulu. The authorities must build for the future along the same radical and business like lines that they are dealing with the present.

The Bulletin gives its readers today the only late news from San Francisco to be had in the town. This is the latest on the prize fight and the sugar quotations. Possibly the people on Kauai had an inkling of the difficulties over the Hotel Stables and thought that Honolulu would be more interested in personalistic encounters than a general report of warlike operations. There is nothing in the portions of papers received by the Bulletin to indicate that Gen. Buller has done anything but retreat.

## NEW HONOLULU PROBLEMS.

Editor Evening Bulletin:—So far but little interest seems to have been taken by the general public in what is a vital necessity, if we are to have a sanitary as well as a "new" Honolulu, viz., new streets through the burned district and, if possible, through all of the congested blocks in the city.

Take the block between Maunakea and River streets; if this is left as it is, without provision for the extension of Kekaulike street, we will soon have the same insanitary conditions in that block that confronted us at the commencement of the present epidemic. By extending Kekaulike street from Hotel to Kukui, or further if expedient, an opportunity will be given for the construction of modern, sanitary business houses fronting on the new street.

The opening of new streets through the present absurdly large blocks will obviate the necessity for makeshift alleyways; which are an abomination, anyhow; a common rendezvous for the criminal classes; the trioute that decency pays to vice.

There is nothing gained, in the line of morals, by driving prostitutes and gamblers into secluded alleyways. Every intelligent and liberal man recognizes the fact that prostitution is a necessary evil; that it will exist in spite of prohibitory laws. If we attempt to stamp it out entirely we simply place a premium upon rape and seduction. It is far better to set aside some place for this traffic on a broad, well lighted street, in buildings fully up to the sanitary requirements of the Board of Health, and where the inmates can be under official supervision, than to have them plying their trade all over the residence section of the city.

Another point is that the semirespectable trulls should be obliged to take out licenses under the "Act to Mitigate," and be made to conform to its provisions. For these women furnish the most dangerous element in the ranks of prostitution, since their apparent respectability gives them the opportunity to mingle with our wives and daughters; and often a young girl is led astray by the pernicious example of such an associate. There are numbers of such women in our midst, many of them reaping quite a harvest through the levying of blackmail; if these were relegated to some special quarter and compelled to live on the same plane as the more honest of their

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unfortunate sister hood, the morals of the community would certainly improve.

In laying out the new streets the fire limits should be extended 100 feet mauka of Beretania street, and should take in the entire Chinatown section. Within these limits no building should be allowed to be constructed of other material than stone, brick or concrete. If the use of corrugated iron is permitted we shall see rows of unsightly "shacks" erected as bad, from a sanitary and artistic standpoint, as the wooden rookeries they displace.

NEW HONOLULU.

Honolulu, Feb. 23d, 1900.

## Human Sacrifices As Expression of Religion

Amsterdam, Holland, Feb. 5.—There was a terrible tragedy yesterday at Apeldorn, as a result of religious fanaticism. At Apeldorn there is a peculiar sect, which decided to offer a human sacrifice to God. The elder in charge of the congregation, who suggested the sacrifice, also selected two young girls as the victims.

Their parents approved and the girls, arrayed in costumes of white, were made ready yesterday for the sacrifice. The elder, who is a peasant farmer, decided, as his frenzy grew, that four victims, not two, should be offered up on the altar, but said nothing of who the other two should be. A service of praise and prayer preceded the sacrifice. In this the four victims joined, the two young girls, in fact, leading the singing.

Suddenly while the services were going on, the elder seized his woman servant, threw her across the altar and nearly decapitated her with a single stroke of a sharp knife. Then he seized the two girls and they were slaughtered in the same way.

In the meantime the elder's wife had stood near, praying and crying, unconscious that she, too, had been selected as a victim.

The rest of the congregation gazed calmly on the butchery. When the girls were dead, the elder said that yet another victim was demanded and seized his wife. She struggled, but only for a moment. She was slowly dragged backward across the altar and the knife did its work.

Then the fanatic, as a part of the rite, washed his hands in the blood of his victims, and the congregation was dispersed.

The police have arrested the crazy man and several members of his sect who witnessed and encouraged the sacrifice.

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E. D. TENNEY,  
Secretary Wai-lana Agr'l Co., Ltd.  
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## Notice of Assessment.

Notice is hereby given that the eighth assessment of ten (10) per cent on the stock of the HONOLULU RAPID TRANSIT AND LAND CO. will be due and payable to J. H. Fisher, treasurer, 411 Fort (upstairs), Honolulu, on the 1st day of February. The shares upon which assessment may remain unpaid after thirty days from said date, will be declared delinquent.

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